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L. QUINCY MUMFORD RETIRES
Two Decades of Leadership Marked By Great Accomplishments at LC

L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress since 1954, retired December 31 after serving for a year past the date of his intended retirement at the request of the President. The 11th Librarian of Congress in the almost 175 years since the Library of Congress was founded, Mr. Mumford presided over the institution during some of the most eventful years of its history.

Uniquely qualified for his post by training—he was the first Librarian of Congress to be a graduate of a library school—and experience in great university and city libraries, he continued the Library's close relationships with the library and scholarly worlds and initiated a number of cooperative projects that benefitted not only the Library of Congress but libraries and readers everywhere. He found on Capitol Hill firm support for his efforts to maintain the preeminence of the Library of Congress among the libraries of the world; Congress increased the annual appropriations from $9,400,000 in 1955 to $96,696,000 in 1975.

Mr. Mumford was born in Ayden, N.C., and received both his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University in that State. On the staff of the university library during his undergraduate and graduate student years, he went on to take a B.S. degree in library science at Columbia University and joined the staff of the New York Public Library in 1929. With one leave of absence to reorganize the technical divisions of the Library of Congress and to head the new Processing Department in 1940-41 at the request of Archibald MacLeish, he stayed in New York until 1945. In that

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JOHN G. LORENZ NAMED ACTING LIBRARIAN

In a Special Announcement issued Tuesday, December 31, to the Library staff, John G. Lorenz was named Acting Librarian of Congress in accordance with LCR 211-1 which provides that "In the absence of the Librarian, the Deputy Librarian automatically serves as Acting Librarian; in the absence of the Deputy Librarian, the Assistant Librarian serves as Acting Deputy Librarian and in the absence of both the Librarian and the Deputy Librarian, the Assistant Librarian serves as Acting Librarian." If both should be absent, the Acting Librarian or Acting Deputy Librarian shall designate another senior Library official or in the absence of such designation, the Director of the Reference Department shall serve as Acting Librarian.

There will be an Acting Librarian until a nominee for Librarian of Congress to succeed L. Quincy Mumford, who retired on December 31, is named by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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HOLIDAY SEASON OBSERVED BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Traditions exist at the Library of Congress and are evident during the holiday season. Christmas 1974 was observed by the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association Choral Society with its presentation of an annual Christmas concert in the Coolidge Auditorium on December 19. Seven traditional and folk carols were sung and the audience was invited to join in singing the final selection "Silent Night." The following day the group carolled at the Navy Yard and Copyright annexes before leading Library staff members and their families in the annual carol sing around the Christmas tree in the Great Hall. Santa Claus made a surprise appearance at the gathering.

The tree was selected and cut at Mt. Airy, Md., and trimmed in the Great Hall by a delegation of members of WRA, under the direction of Ernestine Lyon, 1975 WRA President; Hamilton B. Webb, 1975 WRA Vice President and President-elect; and Jack McDonald, 1974 WRA President. The organization was also responsible for the creation of a Christmas assistance fund to aid Library staff members during the holiday season. More than $700 was contributed to the fund, which was administered by the Employee Relations Office.

LOVE LETTERS PUT ON EXHIBIT

"Love Letters in American History," an exhibit drawn from numerous manuscript collections, will be on display in the Reading Room of the Manuscript Division from January 2 through March 31.

The letters of two of America's most distinguished jurists, James Kent and Felix Frankfurter, indicate that while the style of expression may alter dramatically over the years, the message remains essentially the same. In stately phrases addressed to his wife Elizabeth in 1804, Kent wrote, "...I do love my wife most warmly, & look forward to her Society as yielding the most solid & lively Happiness of my Being." One century later, Felix Frankfurter concluded a whimsical note to his wife with the observation, "...such as is I is yours."

Among the earliest manuscripts to be shown is Alexander Hamilton's letter of September 6, 1780, to Elizabeth Schuyler, written two months before their marriage. In the midst of a discussion devoted to the perils confronting America's Revolutionary army, he suddenly interrupts, "Pardon me my love for talking politics to you. What have we to do with anything but love? ...If America were lost we should be happy in some other clime. ...What think you of Geneva as a retreat?"

Hamilton's contemporary, Thomas Jefferson, is represented in the exhibit by one of the most extraordinary love letters in the English language—a 12-page letter to Maria Cosway, written entirely with his left hand, after having dislocated his right wrist when attempting to jump over a fence. Jefferson assured Mrs. Cosway that though her letters to him might be "as long as the bible, they will appear short to me. only let them brim full of affection." Love letters exchanged by James and Lucretia Garfield, a quarter of a century before his assassination, are overcast with somber allusions to death. James speaks of the possibility that the "Silent Angel [might] claim your loving James ere the year is done," while Lucretia implores him to "go not before me. Leave me not one hour, one moment to the terrible consciousness that I live without you."

Also to be shown are manuscripts of Presidents

Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and William Howard Taft, as well as Whitelaw Reid, Josephus Daniels, Belle Case La Follette, Lucy Stone, and Henry B. Blackwell. In addition, the exhibit will include a letter whose lack of literary sophistication is more than compensated for by its passionate intensity. In her letter to Andrew Jackson, who in 1814 was engaged in combat with the Creek Indians in the Mississippi Territory, Rachel Jackson wrote, "my prayers my tears is for your safety daye and night."

KONTARSKY BROTHERS DUO-PIANISTS TO GIVE CONCERT ON JANUARY 10

On Friday evening, January 10, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of chamber music featuring Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, duo-pianists. The Kontarsky Brothers are known throughout the world for their accomplishments as duo-pianists as well as their interpretation of contemporary music. Their program will include Konzert in F major by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach; Introducktion, Passacaglia and Fuge, Op. 96 by Max Reger; Les Sites auriculaires by Maurice Ravel; Sonata (1942) by Paul Hindemith; and Scaramouche by Darius Milhaud.

The concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 6. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

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MR. MUMFORD RETIRES

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year he became Assistant Director of the Cleveland Public Library and in 1950 he was elevated to Director of that institution.

The collections of the Library of Congress when Mr. Mumford took office in 1954 totaled 33,152,852 items and the staff numbered 1,564; collections in 1974 are 73,932,425 and the staff numbers 4,250. Programs undertaken with Mr. Mumford's leadership in the last 20 years have been designed to facilitate the acquisition of valuable research materials, to speed up the cataloging and therefore access to the collections, and to ensure the preservation of the Library's collections. Acquisitions offices were established overseas under Public Law 83-480 to guarantee the addition to the collections of important research materials published everywhere in the world; the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging, by sharing cataloging with national bibliographical agencies in the countries where research materials are published, ensures faster processing of such materials by American libraries; and automation was applied to library processes wherever feasible. One notable result of the application of computer technology is the Library's MARC (for MAchine-Readable Cataloging) tapes, in use for books, serials, films, and maps by libraries and networks of libraries throughout the country. In 1957 the Library launched a project to study the preservation of sound recordings and in 1958 Congress appropriated funds for the copying of early American motion pictures. Preservation activities were greatly expanded in 1967, when a Preservation Office was established, and in 1970 a laboratory facility to undertake basic research in the preservation of library materials was added.

The strengthening of the Library's programs in a number of fields is demonstrated by the organizational units established during Mr. Mumford's term of office: the Dewey Decimal Classification Office, African Section, the Near Eastern and African Law Division of the Law Library, National Referral Center for Science and Technology, the Children's Book Section, the Science Policy Research and Environmental Policy Divisions of the Congressional Research Service, the Information Systems Office, American Revolution Bicentennial Office, the Equal Opportunity Office, and the Federal Library Committee "to provide more effective planning, development, and operation of Federal libraries." Together with the National Library of Medicine and the National Agricultural Library, the Library of Congress formed in 1967 the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Automation and Other Cooperative Services. In cooperation with George Washington University, the Library inaugurated in 1968 a joint Ph. D. program in American civilization, the first direct participation by the Library in a program offering academic credit.

Services to the blind were extended with the establishment of a national lending library of musical scores and texts and in 1966 Congress extended the service to all persons who are unable to read conventional printed materials because of physical as well as visual handicaps. With the help of the Council on

Library Resources, Inc., and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library developed Cataloging in Publication, a modern version of an old dream, which provides cataloging data printed in books themselves, thus ensuring their early appearance on library shelves and circulation to readers.

Space for the growing collections and for the multiplying activities of the Library was probably Mr. Mumford's major problem in his years at the Library. The solution to that space problem, the third building now under construction across Independence Avenue from the Main Library Building, will be a monument to his administration as well as to President Madison for whom it is named. He pointed out in his report to Congress in 1958 that "the point has been reached at which there is no possibility of a lasting solution of housing collections and staff adequately through adjustments within the Library's present quarters." His efforts to obtain adequate housing for both staff and collections gained authorization in 1965 of a third building, a memorial to James Madison. The cornerstone of the James Madison Library of Congress Building was laid early in 1974, and completion is expected in 1977.

At the Librarian's farewell to the staff, which he chose to announce at the traditional Christmas carol sing in the Great Hall on December 20, he thanked the "talented and dedicated staff" for

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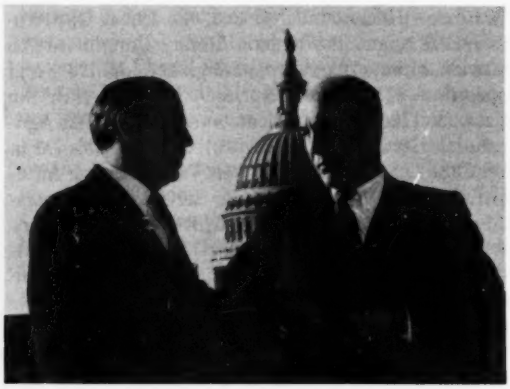
The Librarian and the Library of Congress (Photo by Arthur Plotnik)

Mr. Mumford receiving a farewell gift from Jack McDonald, 1974 WRA President, during the December 20 carol singing in the Great Hall.



Mr. Mumford, Librarian from 1954 to 1974, visiting with Archibald MacLeish, Librarian from 1945 to 1953, in 1956.

Robert Frost, Honorary Consultant in the Humanities, presenting a volume containing "Dedication," "The Gift Outright," and Pres. Kennedy's Inaugural Address in 1961.

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their cooperation in compiling the record of service that the Library of Congress has given in the last 20 years. The staff in turn, through Jack McDonald, Jr., President of the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association, presented Mr. Mumford with a water-color rendering of the Madison Building, handsomely matted and framed.

The 11th Librarian of Congress with the Hon. Harold H. Burton, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, signing his commission in 1954 after being sworn into office.

Lessing J. Rosenwald honored on his 82nd birthday, February 10, 1973, with a Rosenwald Collection exhibit.

Pres. Truman signing the visitor's register on June 21, 1957.

Queen Mother Elizabeth of England pauses with LQM during her visit to the Library on November 6, 1954.

KONTARSKY CONCERT

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This concert will be broadcast live and in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and later made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

NEW CARPOOL PERMITS ISSUED

In accordance with Special Announcement 661, a total of 42 Library staff carpools involving 177 members of the Library staff have been assigned reserved parking space located on East Capitol Street between 1st and 2nd Sts. Six-month permits have been issued which were effective Thursday, January 2. Assignments have been made to accommodate the largest number of Library employees possible in the limited space available. Spaces are not numbered and will be available to permit holders on a first-come first-served basis only.

PRESERVATION OFFICE SPONSORS STAFF SEMINAR

As part of a continuing series of seminars on topics of interest to its staff, the Preservation Office sponsored a slide presentation and discussion of methods of mounting oil paintings on paper, with special reference to the use of "honeycomb" panels, given by Mary Todd Glaser, Conservator of Works of Art on Paper, on December 6. On the same day, Marigene H. Butler, Director of the Intermuseum Laboratory, Oberlin, Ohio, discussed the identification of pigments of special interest to paper conservators using the polarizing microscope.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Robert L. Chartrand, Specialist in Information Sciences, Congressional Research Service, presented the keynote address on "Meeting the Information Needs of Legislatures" at the Seminar on Modern Information Technology and State Legislatures in Tallahassee, Fla., on December 12. With joint sponsorship by the National Legislative Conference and the State University of New York at Albany, the seminar sessions featured wide-ranging discussions of such topics as alternative sources of information, information innovations, and governing information technology. Mr. Chartrand later presented the lead-off paper on "Private and Federal Government Information Sources," which was followed by presentations on the National Technical Information Service and the computerized New York Times Information Bank.

William A. Gosling, Cataloging in Publication Program Manager, was the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Illinois Association of School Librarians on October 25 in Springfield, Ill. Mr. Gosling delivered a progress report on the program and outlined several of the procedures for generating CIP data. Following Mr. Gosling's presentation, a small reactor panel of librarians discussed how they are using the data to process new titles for their readers and questions were taken from the floor. Approximately 125 school and academic librarians attended. On October 30, Mr. Gosling spoke to the Technical Processes Group of the Tri-State College Library Cooperative of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. The meeting, held at Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa., gave Mr. Gosling an opportunity to present a CIP progress report and to answer many specific questions from the approximately 50 academic and public librarians who attended the session.

Joseph C. Hickerson, Head, and **Gerald E. Parsons,** Reference Librarian, Archive of Folk Song, addressed the 61st anniversary meeting of the Virginia Folklore Society on November 9 in Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Hickerson spoke on "Holdings of Virginia Folklore Materials in the Archive of Folk Song," and Mr. Parson's illustrated talk was entitled "Old Men and Wild Plants: A Study of Idiosyncracy in Culture."

Louis Mitler, Turkish Cataloger, Descriptive Cataloging Division, is author of a short story appearing in the January issue of *Ararat* magazine. Mr. Mitler is also the translator of "Shahan the Smuggler," a short story by Yildiz Bekir to be published in an anthology of Turkish literature edited by Talât S. Halman.

Mary Jack Wintle, Assistant Chief for Acquisitions, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, represented the Library of Congress at the presentation of the Migel Medal on October 24 in New York City. The yearly presentation is sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind and brings together members from organizations directing programs in education, rehabilitation, social welfare, and volunteer action for the blind. The recipients of the medal this year were Alexander Handel, Executive Director of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped,

and Sen. Jacob Javits of New York. Mr. Handel received the honor for professional services, and Sen. Javits for his support of legislation for education of the handicapped. The late Robert S. Bray, former chief of DBPH (1957-1972), received the medal in 1963 for his outstanding efforts to expand services to the blind.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Donna M. Hill, publications clerk, GS-3, Cop Cat, OP 11-200; Patricia Laing, publications clerk, GS-3, Cop Cat, OP 11-200; Angus T. Simmons, preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, 7156; David W. Waters, bibliographical & binding control assistant, GS-3, Bind, 7335; Samih M. Zein, processing & reference assistant, GS-5, Orien, 7322.

Reappointments: Mary Ann R. Harrison, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; April L. Marlow, clerk-typist, GT-3, Photodup, OP 2-100.

Promotions: William E. Gauden, to senior research analyst, GS-12, FRD, 7427; Nicholas R. Samochin, to senior research analyst, GS-12, FRD, 7428; Gwendolyn Tyner, to secretary to the chief, GS-7, E&G, 7336; Linda Yoskowitz, Place & Class, to paperwork management assistant, GS-5, CS, 7306.

Transfers: Michael W. Charity, Card, to shelflister, GS-7, Subj Cat, NP; Frances E. Chisley, Card, to shelflister, GS-7, Subj Cat, NP; Sime Letina, to library assistant, GS-4, LL AB, NP; Mercedes M. Johnson, Card, to shelflister, GS-7, Subj Cat, NP.

Resignations: Barbara J. Britton, Subj Cat; Evelyn L. Butler, Card; Catherine G. Moran, LL Eur; Thomas A. Spiro, LL PS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon and Gary Salpini are the parents of a daughter, Susan Denise, born on November 18 at the Fairfax Hospital. Mrs. Salpini is the Administrative Assistant, Placement and Classification Office, and Mr. Salpini is employed by the Nicholson Construction Company.

The **WRA Philatelic Club** elected its officers for the coming year at its meeting on December 17. Elected were Patrick Bernard, President; Terry Wallich, Vice President; Mary Houlton, Secretary; and Frank Wheltle, Treasurer. The club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Page School at noon. Staff members who are interested in joining are encouraged to attend or to contact one of the officers.

The **Library of Congress Employees Union**, Local 2477, AFSCME–AFL-CIO, will sponsor a lunchtime program on Wednesday, January 8, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. The guest speaker will be John Hampton of the National Tenants Organization who will speak on "The Spiral of Inflation–Housing Crisis in D.C." Mr. Hampton will discuss the various problems besetting tenants, including conversion to condominiums and cooperatives and the weakening in the courts of the District of Columbia's rent control legislation. A short question-and-answer period will follow his remarks.

The **Issue Brief Unit** of the Congressional Research Service has moved from Rooms 203-J, K, L, and M in the Main Building to MB-C128. Their telephone extension remains 6386. The move was effective December 16.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Cassette Books. 2nd ed. ISBN 0-8444-0134-X. 1974. (146 p.) Single copies free to libraries from the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1291 Taylor St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20542. This publication is a cumulative, annotated catalog of about 1,200 titles on cassette tape made available in quantity for blind and physically handicapped readers through the years since 1968 when the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped initiated books in this format as a pilot project and as an addition to the books and periodicals already being mass-produced on recorded disc or in braille. Titles are arranged by subjects listed according to the Dewey Decimal Classification system. A special section is devoted to the titles available in four foreign languages: French, German, Spanish, and Yiddish. Another section lists children's books by fiction and nonfiction. The index is by author, title, and subject. For the convenience of readers, a supply of order forms is included.

Foreign Newspaper and Gazette Report. ISSN 0092-6647. 1974. No. 3. (12 p.) Issued three times a year, this publication is available to libraries and institutions free upon request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The National Union Catalog: A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries. Vols. 1-4. 1973. 1974. Compiled by the Library of Congress with the cooperation of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by

the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $890 for the year's subscription.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, Ltd., Amsterdam, Netherlands, has available for 245 Dutch florin a facsimile edition of Thomas Jefferys' *American Atlas* (London, 1776) from an original copy in the Geography and Map Division. The introductory "Bibliographical Note," prepared by Walter W. Ristow, Chief of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, gives background information on Thomas Jefferys and the *American Atlas.*

Jefferys, an engraver and cartographer, was the foremost English map publisher during the period 1732 to 1771. He issued many maps during these years, a number of which portrayed English America in whole and in part.

Following Jefferys' death in 1771, his assets, consisting of finished and unfinished maps and charts and copper plates, were liquidated in accordance with provisions in his will. The bulk of Jefferys' holdings were acquired by Robert Sayer, who had, in 1770, formed a partnership with John Bennett. During the next decade and a half, Sayer and Bennett assembled a number of Jefferys' maps and charts and published them in atlas formats. The *American Atlas* was first published in 1775. A second edition, reproduced in the T.O.T. facsimile, was issued the following year.

The *American Atlas* presented for England's government officials, military leaders, and informed laymen, the geographical setting where the exciting events of the American Revolution were unfolding. The facsimile reproduction, published as the United States prepares to commemorate the bicentennial of the American Revolution, will help scholars and laymen better comprehend the historic events which transpired two centuries ago.

The facsimile edition of Jefferys' *American Atlas* may be examined in the Geography and Map Reading Room. [*Walter W. Ristow*]

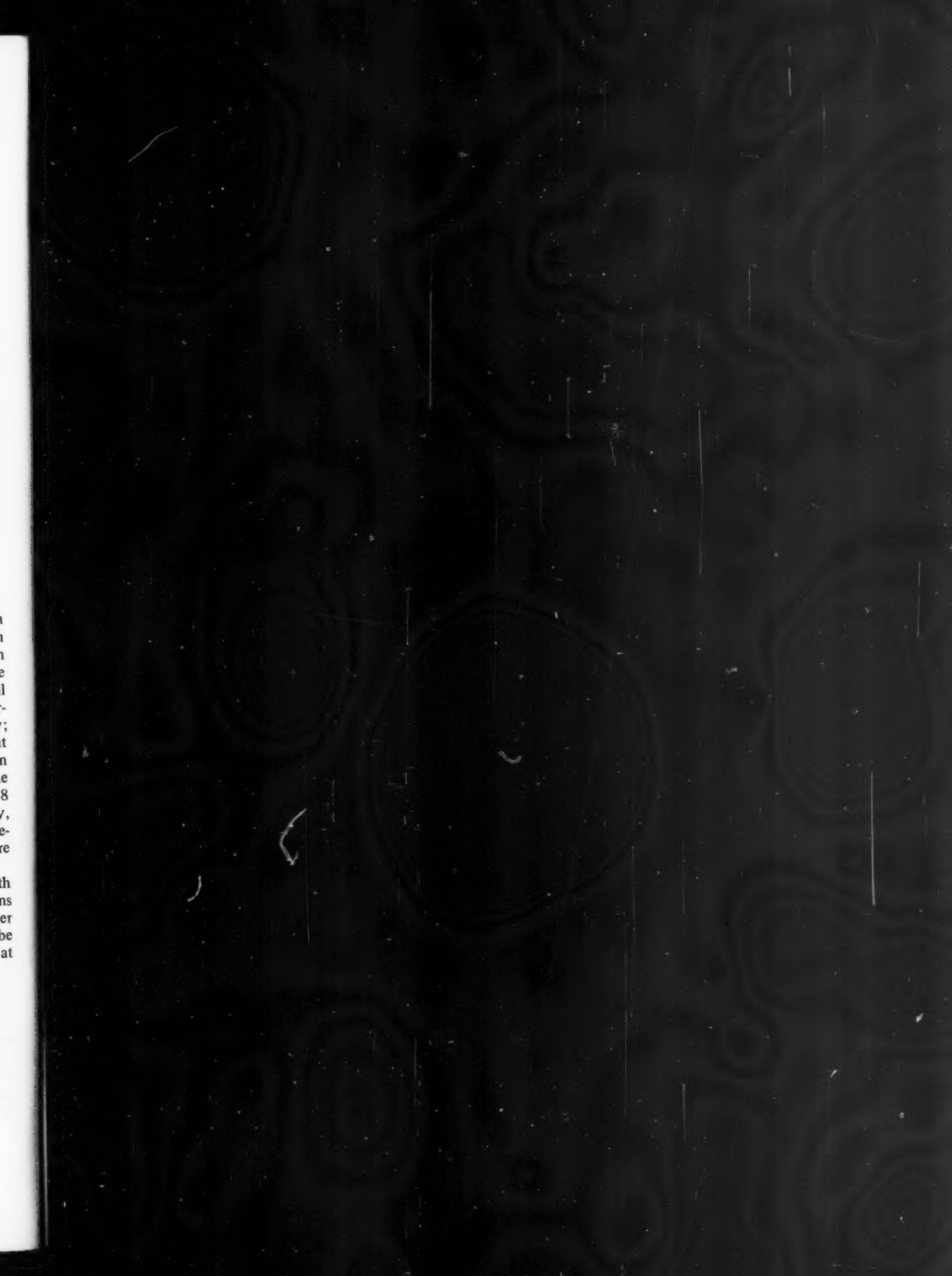
The *Dictionary of World History* (London, Nelson, 1973. 1720 p. D9.D55), now in the reference collection of the Main Reading Room, is a two-million-word alphabetical dictionary covering the history of both Western and Eastern society from the first written records to the end of 1970, with emphasis on the 20th century. The 20,000 entries, averaging 100 words in length (with very few of more than 500), include 8,000 entries on people, 5,000 on events (for example, treaties, battles, statutes, wars, inventions, and conferences), and 7,000 on neither people nor events (such as institutions, cultural movements, "trading interests," and the great "isms"). There are no footnotes, but many articles exceeding 300 words in length end with a bibliography of one or two books. A 65-page index concludes the *Dictionary.*

[*Robert Zich*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

COMING EVENT

How things go right and how things go wrong in designing a new library will be the topic of discussion at a meeting of the **DLC Reference Roundtable** on Tuesday evening, January 14. Librarians who have worked in three of the newest libraries in the area will participate: Barbara J. Ellingen, Head of the Reference Department of Georgetown University Library; Cathy Jones, Assistant Head for Reader Services at George Washington University Library; and Don Thomas, Head of the Undergraduate Library at the University of Maryland. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the George Washington University Library, Room 202. All persons thinking of building or redesigning a library or interested in library architecture are welcome.

A related program later in January will deal with library graphics; speakers will include both librarians and graphic artists. Any questions on these or other programs of the Reference Roundtable should be directed to Robert Zich at the Library of Congress at 426-5521 or at 966-4816 evenings.

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